

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ryan Barek Edwards.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ryan Barek Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Edwards was born on August 10, 1988, to Dr. Scott Alan and Margaret Barek Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was a graduate of St. Dominic School for Boys and Christian Brothers High School, where he was an accomplished swimmer and distinguished member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Ryan was due to graduate in May 2012 with a degree in environmental studies from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK); and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Edwards served with acumen and alacrity as an Eagle Scout and was past President of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at UTK; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's passion in life was preserving the environment and he was a true outdoorsman, affectionately nicknamed "Cardboard Eddy" by his friends and fraternity brothers, who will always remember his contagious smile; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Christ United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his innumerable accomplishments aside, Mr. Edwards was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by two grandparents, Margaret Jane Edwards and Geza N. Barek; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is survived by his parents; his siblings, Maggie and Taylor; his grandparents, James D. Edwards and Bridget Fitzpatrick Barek; his uncles, Reed Edwards (Jackie) and Steve Barek (Kristin); his aunt, Laura B. Ragin (Brent); and five first cousins; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Edwards leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ryan Barek Edwards, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Edwards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.